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This communication is in response to applicants' letter "request for copy of the notice of allowance" submitted on 12/20/2004.

The examiner wants to confirm that the "Supplemental Notice of Allowance" dated December 7, 2004 which the applicants had received is the original "Notice of Allowance" itself. By mistake, the examiner had incorrectly labeled the title as "Supplemental" Notice of Allowance. There was no other copy of the "Notice of Allowance" on record. The examiner had tried to explained the situation to applicants' attorney, Mr. Gene Stockman, over the phone. To reiterate the facts, there is only one Notice of Allowability and only one Issue Fee that is due, which has been paid by the applicants.

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